

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lasse L. HESSEL et al.

Confirmation No. 7795

Application No.: 10/773,697

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filing Date: February 6, 2004

Examiner: James M. Hewitt

For: COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO  
DEVICES AND METHOD FOR USING  
THE COUPLING

Atty. Docket No.: 81421-4037

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

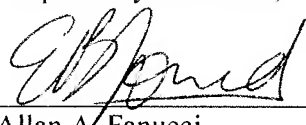
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Office Action mailed on November 3, 2006 be extended for one (1) additional month, from April 3, 2007, to and including Thursday, May 3, 2007.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$ 285 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 20, 2007

  
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